

REMARKS

The Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 16, 2004 (Paper No. 3). Claims 1 to 30, 32 and 33 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 7 to 11, 17 and 33 are independent. Claims 2, 8, 9, 11 and 17 are being amended. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, and with regard to a formal matter, Applicants repeat their request for an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 8, 2001, as evidenced by the enclosed copy of the USPTO-stamped postcard.

By the Office Action, Claims 1 to 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,269,336 (Ladd). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

The present invention generally concerns providing a browser apparatus with data to which has been added an identifier indicating a location where voice data is stored, the voice data having been formed on the basis of data provided on a network and indicating a part or the whole of the contents of the data. According to another aspect of the invention, a check is made whether a browser is permitted to provide a voice response, and if a voice response is permitted, data is updated to include an identifier indicating a recipient of a voice response sent by the browser.

By virtue of this arrangement, for example, a response provided to a browser apparatus, which includes voice data, can be updated to identify a location where the voice data is stored, thereby allowing the browser to request the voice data using the

identified provided to the browser. In addition and by virtue of the above arrangements, for example, a response containing voice data can be sent by a browser and received by a recipient, and any necessary further processing of the voice data can be performed by other than the browser apparatus.

Turning to the specific language of the claims, Claim 1 defines a data processing apparatus for providing a browser apparatus with the contents of data provided on a network in a form of voice data. The apparatus comprises a means for forming, on the basis of the data provided on said network, voice data indicating a part or the whole of the contents of the data, a means for storing the formed voice data, a means for forming data by adding to the data provided on the network an identifier indicating a location where the voice data is stored, and a means for providing the browser apparatus with the data to which the identifier is added.

Thus, among the features of the invention, are the features of providing to a browser apparatus data formed by adding an identifier indicating a location where voice data is stored, wherein the voice data is based on and indicative of a part or a whole of contents of data provided on the network.

Ladd is not seen to show at least these features. More particularly, Ladd is seen to describe a record function by which a browser executes a markup language to display a voice input prompt, and then to forward to server an audio sample input from the prompt, or the name of a file containing the audio sample. (See Ladd, col. 16, lines 29 to 40 and col. 25, line 48 to col. 26, line 46)

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adding an identifier indicating a location where voice data is stored, wherein the voice data is based on and indicative of a part or a whole of contents of data provided on the network.

Therefore, for at least the foregoing reasons, Claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Further, Applicants submit that Claims 7, 9, 10, 16 and 33 are believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons.

Claim 2 is directed to a data processing apparatus for permitting a browser apparatus to respond by voice to data provided on a network. The data processing apparatus comprising a means for checking whether the contents of the data provided on the network include a content requiring a response from the browser apparatus, means for forming data by adding to the data provided on the network an identifier indicating a recipient of the response sent by voice data from the browser apparatus based on a result of the checking performed by the checking means, and means for providing the browser apparatus with the data to which the identifier is added.

Thus, among the features of the invention, are the features of checking whether network data includes content requiring a response, and providing to a browser apparatus data formed by adding an identifier indicating a recipient of a voice data response sent from the browser apparatus based on a result of the checking.

While Ladd is seen to allow for a voice response, nothing in Ladd is seen to describe checking whether a response is required and adding an identifier indicating a recipient of a voice data response. At col. 4, lines 41 to 50, Ladd is seen to describe identifying an electronic address of an information source based on input received from a user, where the input received from the user may be in the form of audio commands or

DTMF tones. However, this is not seen to be the same as checking whether network data includes content requiring a response, and providing to a browser apparatus data formed by adding an identifier indicating a recipient of a voice data response sent from the browser apparatus.

Therefore, for at least the foregoing reasons, Claim 2 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Further, Applicants submit that Claims 8, 9, 11, 17 and 33 are believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons.

The other claims are each dependent from the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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